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LADS HAD A CLOSE CALL ON SATURDAY

AUTO PLUNGES DOWN STEEP RIVER BANK AND IS WRECKED.

Have Miraculous Escape From Death

Alex Compo and Keith Lyons about sixteen years of age, had narrow escapes from death on Saturday morning, when the former started to give the latter a joy ride around the city, which ended when the automobile in which they were driving went over the Ely street embankment and was only prevented from plunging into Pine river by a tree on the bank, which caught the car and held it.

Just what caused the automobile to go off the edge of the road and start down the steep bank to the river, is not known. The lads were driving from the west on Ely and when the automobile reached a point near Rockingham avenue, it took to the bank of the river, and smashed in between a tree and a telephone pole, where it was jammed into a space about half the width of the auto so great was the force of the automobile at that time. The trunk of the tree was about midway between the steering wheel and the back of the front seat when the auto came to a stop, and with the auto at a slant on the bank it is surprising that Compo, who was driving the automobile did not strike against the tree trunk.

The automobile was badly wrecked. The windshield was broken and bits of glass strewn around, some of which hit Compo, cutting his face. Aside from this and the scare that the lads received, neither was much the worse for the accident. They can be extremely thankful that the tree happened to be at the right spot, however, to prevent the auto from plunging down the bank into the river, where without a doubt, it would have overturned. Even as it was the lads may be very thankful that they escaped without highly serious injuries.

Don't Carry Money in Pockets

A few days ago the citizens of Alma were greatly stirred when the report rapidly spread that Henry Vanderhoff, a farmer, had been slugged and then robbed of some money, about five hundred dollars, which naturally raises a question as to the advisability of carrying any great sum of money on the person.

One interesting thing that was learned during Alma's trade extension week was that a great number of persons are carrying money in their pockets that ought to be in the banks. We are passing through a depressed financial condition incident to the reconstruction period. Many individuals, firms and corporations would like to borrow money in order that they might expand their own business, thus giving employment to more men at good wages, and to just that extent they could relieve our present strained condition. Money carried in one's pocket or stowed away in some "safe place" at home does not have any greater purchasing power than though it were in the bank. Money thus taken out of circulation does not grow of itself but the owner loses the interest on his money, withholds credit from his friends and runs the risk of losing the whole sum by fire or theft.

Joseph H. McCoy, government actuary, has prepared for Frank Munsey's Herald exact figures on what one dollar might have meant to Methuselah had he invested it at 6 per cent compound interest when he was twenty-one. Of course, he lived to the ripe old age of 969, but that single dollar would have grown to more than 977 sextillions of dollars. We cannot conceive such a sum, but the interest on it for a part of a second would pay off the whole world's war debts.

America will have some rich families in fifty or one hundred years from now, but that number can be greatly increased if the citizens of today can be awakened to the importance of saving something now. This column is not particularly interested in how this money is saved, but we have found a savings account a mighty convenient way to accumulate enough money to take advantage of some opportunity to talk with any who are interested in teaching their dollars to have more cents through compound interest.

Sell your raw furs to E. B. Ber-man and get the highest market price.—advertisement.

DEATH SHOCKED ALMA



DEAN ELIZABETH ROBERTS

Weekly Auctions For the Farmer

The Retail Merchants' Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce has completed plans for the holding of an auction sale here every Saturday afternoon for the farmers, who have goods that they wish to dispose of. It is to be a free auction sale for the farmers.

The sales each Saturday will be held at 2:30 o'clock. The Retail Merchants' Bureau has arranged for the services of J. D. Helman, one of the best known auctioneers of this part of the state, to handle the auctioneering at the sales, insuring as a result the best possible for the farmers, except the crowd. The crowds are certain to be on hand, however, as these sales are certain to become highly popular.

TIME LIMIT FOR RE-INSTATEMENT

LIMIT OF REINSTATEMENT FOR WAR RISK INSURANCE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31.

Announcement has just been made by the Washington Office of the United States Veterans' Bureau that the time limit for reinstatement of War Risk Term Insurance expires December 31, 1921. It is very important that all ex-service men who care to reinstate their insurance, which they have allowed to lapse, do so by that date for after that time no re-instatements will be handled.

Briefly, the requirements for re-instatement are as follows:

(1) If the ex-service man is drawing a compensation or is disabled as a result of an injury or disease contracted in the military or naval service during the World War, but is not totally and permanently disabled, he may re-instate his lapsed or cancelled yearly renewal term insurance by having a full medical examination to show that he is not suffering from any disability other than that contracted in service. After he has completed the medical examination satisfactorily, he is required to pay all back monthly premiums which would have become payable if the insurance had not lapsed, together with interest at a rate of 5 per cent per annum, compounded annually, on each premium from date said premium is due by the terms of the policy.

(2) If the ex-service man is in good health and his insurance has lapsed for less than three months, it will be necessary for him to sign a statement that he is in good health and pay two months' premiums on the amount of the insurance he wishes to reinstate.

(3) If the insurance has lapsed for more than three months and less than six months it will be necessary for him to have a short medical examination made and pay two months' premiums on the amount of the insurance he wishes to reinstate.

(4) If the insurance has lapsed for six months or more, it will be necessary for a full medical examination to be made and pay two months' premiums on the amount of the insurance he wishes to reinstate.

Any ex-service man who is interested in re-instating his insurance may secure re-instatement blanks or further information regarding re-instatement by writing, or calling at the Insurance Section of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, 14 E. Congress St., Chicago, Ill.

LYCEUM TICKETS

Reserved seats for the first three numbers of the Community Lyceum Course may be secured at Murphy's drug store at ten cents for each number.

A second reservation of seats for the last three numbers will be held from January 10 to January 18, 1922.

ALMA SHOCKED BY THE SUDDEN DEATH OF DEAN

DEAN ELIZABETH M. ROBERTS OF ALMA COLLEGE DIED MONDAY EVENING.

Memorial Service Held in Her Honor

One of the biggest shocks that has ever come to the faculty and students and to the friends of Alma College came Monday evening with the announcement of the sudden death of Miss Elizabeth Mae Roberts, dean of women, at Wright Hall.

She was possessed of an unusual ability, and such was her character and her kind disposition that she had won for herself a large circle of friends here. She was a confidante of the girls of the college and was beloved by the entire student body, which deeply feels the loss that has come to them.

After a fine service at the college she left two years ago to take up other work. This year she returned to Alma as dean of women, assuming a difficult position, but one which she was exceptionally fitted to take, by the gifts with which nature had endowed her, and the training that she had secured.

Discovery of her death was made Monday evening about dinner time, when she failed to appear at the dining room in Wright Hall for dinner, following her usual custom.

When word of her death was announced early in the evening Monday, all student activities for the evening, including society meetings, were called off. Classes, athletic work and student activities were dispensed with on Tuesday, except for the morning chapel service, which was a very brief one.

At 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, a short but highly impressive memorial service for Dean Roberts was held in the chapel, which was attended by the entire student body, the faculty, local members of the board of trustees and a number of friends of the college.

Following the scripture reading and prayer by Professor Roy Hamilton, President H. M. Crooks in a short memorial address eulogized the departed dean of women.

Wednesday morning the body started on its last journey, being taken to her home at Meadville, Pa., for burial. The student body of the college and faculty members met at the early morning Ann Arbor train to do their last homage. They formed two lines from the hearse to the train, and stood with hats off, silently and reverently as the hearse was taken from the hearse and carried to the train.

President H. M. Crooks of the college, and George Ellison, a brother-in-law, who arrived here Tuesday evening, accompanied the body to Meadville, Pa., where funeral services will be held, probably this afternoon.

She is survived by her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Roberts of Meadville, and other relatives.

Brotherhood Holds Meeting

An interesting meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood was held Tuesday evening at the church, which is the first of a series of six meetings that are to be held.

J. W. Kelder, as president of the Brotherhood, acted as chairman of the meeting, and because of the inability of Professor Hamilton of the College to be present and act as toastmaster, H. S. Babcock acted in his place in this capacity.

The meeting was opened with a community sing, in which all took part. A very enjoyable reading by Alice Crawford followed. Russell Johnson then rendered a violin solo.

C. D. Smith gave an address, "The Man and His Church," in which he said Jesus Christ was the most interesting character in all history, because of the wonderful influence of his word through the generations. He called attention to the responsibility of the present day men to the coming generation, to the example that should be set for the children of the coming generation. Boys often pattern after their fathers he said, and a church-going father would probably have a church-going son.

A vocal solo by Miss Marie Myers followed the address, after which President Kelder made the announcements in regard to the work of the Brotherhood for the coming year.

Mr. McCadden called attention to the men's class and urged the men to attend and take advantage of the open forum discussions of the organization. C. D. Smith also urged that the men attend the class.

Certificates Have Roosevelt Picture

Postmaster Vincent T. Cash today announced that the portrait of Theodore Roosevelt will appear for the first time on a Government security on the \$25 denomination of a new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates which will be placed on sale toward the end of the present calendar year. The new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates will be a feature of the unified Government savings plan which is now being developed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General and will be announced later in great detail. The new plan will combine to the best possible advantage the facilities of the Treasury and the postal savings system, and is designed to promote popular appeal and will be placed on sale throughout the country in convenient form. It is regarded as particularly appropriate that the Roosevelt portrait should appear on a security of this character, and on the denomination which will be most available to the general public.

STATE TO MARK ROADS PLAINLY

TOURISTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET LOST ON ROADS WHEN WORK IS DONE.

The state administrative board has authorized Frank E. Rogers, state highway commissioner, to install an extensive system of marking on the trunk line routes of the state. If the plans outlined by Governor Groesbeck and other board members mature, it will be impossible for any motorist to get lost while touring in Michigan.

Under the present system of road marking, trunk lines are designated by triangular markers every mile. Curves are indicated and dangerous spots on the road are usually labeled. But several things have been overlooked. For instance there are many towns and cities reached by side roads branching off the trunk lines, and there is nothing on the trunk route to tell the traveler when or where to turn nor how far his destination may be from the trunk road after he does turn. Then there is the difficulty frequently encountered by motorists, who in attempting to follow some state trunk line get lost when they enter a city or town and are able to pick up the trunk line on the other side of town only on diligent inquiry.

The idea back of the proposed new system of road marking is to eliminate these difficulties for the motorist. At every side road signs will be placed telling where it goes and how far the various towns on it are from the trunk line. In every city and town signs will be placed telling the traveler where to go on the city streets so that he will come out on the other side on the desired trunk line. Along the trunk lines themselves will be scattered markers showing the distances between points.

The markers to be used when the new marking system is established will be furnished by Jackson prison. They will be made of metal, with a black background and large silver letters and numerals. It is probable that many of the markers will be placed this fall and winter. Commissioner Rogers originally planned to install the system next summer but Governor Groesbeck and other members of the board believe that many idle men would be glad to work for the state this winter placing markers. If the work is started immediately, they argue, not only will employment be given to some men but when the season opens next year the new system will be at least partially in operation.

CHILD'S BOOK WEEK

The week of November 13 to November 19 is Children's Book Week and efforts are being made by the management of the Alma reading room to bring about the gift of children's books during the time. Fifty new books have already been ordered and will be on the shelves in the library for Children's Book Week. The influence of good books on the children is no small one, and nowhere else in the city can the children secure the variety of good reading that the reading room offers. Gifts of good children's books will have their part in disseminating knowledge of the better things of life among the younger generation of the city.

BUYS GROSS OF FORDS

It is little to be wondered at that the Ford Company is eclipsing last year's volume of business when one customer has taken to buying fivers by the gross. The James S. Kirk Soap Co. of Chicago recently ordered a gross of Fords to be shipped to salesmen, demonstrators, etc., throughout the country. Not many households buy soap by the gross, but the Kirk Co. ordered a trifle over a gross of "tins," buying in one order 157 machines.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL THIS MONTH

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIPS IN RED CROSS WILL START FRIDAY.

Campaign Closes on November 24

It is true the great war has ceased and it is trusted that wars have forever ceased. But with the cessation of wars the great and glorious work of the American Red Cross has not ceased. Indeed the peace-time program of the Red Cross is a most commanding and challenging program that is mighty worth while the very best consideration and support.

One field of Red Cross service alone, that of assisting disabled veterans of the World War, entails expenditures \$4,000,000, greater than the aggregate receipts of the Annual Roll Call of 1920, the American Red Cross announced in a statement urging a wide-spread increase in membership at the Annual Roll Call November 11 to 24.

At the present time national headquarters and the nation-wide chain of Chapters of the American Red Cross is spending approximately \$10,000,000 annually for the relief of ex-service men and their families, while the aggregate receipts from last year's Roll Call were approximately \$6,000,000. It is the 2,289 of 3,500 Red Cross Chapters which still are helping solve the veteran's problem of adjusting himself to a normal civilian status that the greater part of the cost of this service is borne.

The following is a summary of the Home Service work most efficiently carried on by the Gratiot County chapter.

In the year 1919, the number of soldiers assisted by the local Chapter were 270 and the amount expended for loans, medical and hospital service etc., \$1304.56. In 1920 number of ex-service men cases handled was 645 and \$476.48 was expended for financial aid. Thus far in the year 1921, 397 different cases have been handled and \$319.55 expended for relief, and because of this remarkable record no one can estimate the actual amount of money brought into Gratiot county. This work is prodigious, and as one can see has been patiently and successfully prosecuted by the County Chapter.

The Red Cross is working for a healthier United States. How the American Red Cross guides thousands of persons to health is shown in a summary of the activities in the health field based upon the annual report for the last fiscal year. Through its nursing service, its home hygiene and care of the sick courses, nutrition classes, first aid classes and health centers the Red Cross has carried its message of health into all parts of the country. There are today 37,787 nurses registered. (Continued on page three)

Men's Glee Club to Begin Work at Once

A short business meeting of the men of last year's Glee Club was held Monday afternoon of last week, in which men were elected to fill the two major offices of this year's club. Robert Wyatt was chosen for President and Lowell Hudson was elected Business Manager. Short discussions of the proposed trip for this year were given by the old men present and as a whole the meeting was marked with enthusiasm and an earnest desire by all to put a successful trip across this year.

The 1921-22 Club has a nucleus of old men back this year of about half the personnel of the entire club, who are backing the club this year to outdo the success of last year's organization. Consequently there are only eight vacancies to be filled up by the new men on the campus, which means that there will be plenty of competition for those applying for positions on the club. It also means that the applicant, however talented, must be endowed with the spirit to work and work faithfully until the spring trip is over and he is released by the instructor.

The only suggestion to offer the new men is that they entertain the habits of regularity as soon as possible and that they practise reading music at sight in preparation for the coming Glee Club training. Excellent opportunity is offered in the chorus which meets in the Chapel every Tuesday evening. A great number are already taking advantage of these meetings and those who are not are merely throwing away their hopes of getting into the clubs for it is from this chorus that the two clubs will be formed.

Auxiliary Expresses Its Appreciation

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion netted between twelve and thirteen dollars at the baked goods sale held Saturday at the office of the Medler Electric company.

The society expresses its grateful appreciation to those who generously contributed and liberally patronized on that occasion.

We sometimes wonder, now that our safety seems assured, just how different conditions under which we live might have been had the sons of Uncle Sam not gone to the aid of the Allies; had the Huns won the war, as they would have done without the intervention of the boys in khaki; how much of our salaries would be demanded of us for tribute to satisfy the greed of Kaiserdom. Thousands of these valiant boys are still in hospital paying the price of their own devotion and patriotism without even the hope of future health to look forward to. Many more are being added to the list as the effect of the gas attacks develops its ravages. The fighting on the battlefield has ended but the toll has not been paid in reward to these boys anymore than the war debt has been paid and there will be times without number and ever-recurring when we must meet both kinds of obligation—one, because it is levied; the other, no less our duty and privilege, will be presented by soliciting.

It isn't just nor fair that a few should bear the latter burden both in work and money. Will you not think this over? Those who would like to aid the cause and for any reason did not get an opportunity in the past, please be ready for our next effort. Contributions are always acceptable, but we also need your active moral support. There are members whom we would like to see at the business meetings, and there are others who are eligible whom we would like to take into membership. (Contributed)

O. E. S. PLAY NEXT TUESDAY

MUSICAL REVUE OF ALMA LODGE WILL BE HELD AT THE STRAND THEATRE.

Those who appreciate first class home talent productions, especially musical ones, will be delighted with the musical revue, Fads and Fancies of 1921, which is to be given at the Strand theatre on Tuesday evening of next week.

The cast, which is a large one, has been working for some time in promoting the production to insure its being a highly successful one, and it is certain that those who attend "Fads and Fancies of 1921" will have a rare treat.

Alma boasts of considerable talent for home talent productions, and it has all been gathered for the revue, making certain that each episode of the evening's entertainment will move with punch and vigor.

"Fads and Fancies of 1921" is a sparkling, snappy musical revue in ten scenes, each and every one of them bubbling over with surprises for those who are fortunate enough to view the production. From the planet Venus, to the mythical days of Greece through historic Egypt and flowery Japan the audience is taken rapidly with the changing scenes of the revue.

Mrs. Ruth Palmer Moore, with her "Egyptian Love Song," Florence MacKenzie with a Cleopatra dance, Mrs. Vera Carpenter with her chorus, Grenville Andrews and the Holiday girls, Olive Egglestone as Bessie Brown in a charming marriage mix-up with Prince Pavilini played by Harry Wilson and Mildred Schick as a temperamental countess are a few of the headliners on the bill.

Then there will be other rare treats that are nearly past description. One must see Frieda Raimor, as the chorus girl and Harold Emmons, as the lover to appreciate them.

Ruth Milliken, Hubert Ellison, Marie Myers, Mrs. Grabowsky, Ellis Wacha, the MacKenzie twins, Jane Archer and Marybeth MacKenzie, Mildred Robinson, Georgia Hood and others will delight the audience in the parts that they have in the cast.

The following is the committee in charge of the revue: Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, general executive chairman; talent, Mrs. Joseph MacKenzie; programs, Lawrence Montigel; tickets; Mrs. Ray Madden.

The seat sale for "Fads and Fancies of 1921" opens at the Strand theatre box office on November 12.

The show Tuesday evening will start promptly at 8:15.

Mr. and Mrs. Letterwriter, buy your letter paper at The Record office by the pound where all of your money goes to pay for the paper and is not split up, part for the box and the rest for the paper.—advertisement

ARMISTICE DAY MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD

STORES CLOSE AT NOON SO EVERYONE CAN ATTEND BIG SERVICE.

To Be Held at Strand Theatre

The mass meeting to which all citizens of Alma are invited on Armistice day will commence promptly at twelve-fifteen in the Strand theatre. It is requested that persons attending strive to arrive a little before the time as the service is to last but thirty minutes and no time should be lost in opening. The program as planned by the committee is as follows:

Chairman, Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. Church.

Scripture read by Rev. E. E. Shouffer of the Baptist church.

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Hull of the United Brethren church.

Solo, by Mrs. Joseph MacKenzie. Address by Rev. Joseph Green of Mt. Pleasant.

Benediction by Rev. Mellett of the Free Methodist church.

During the singing of the solo an offering will be received to pay for a slight expense incurred in carrying out the program.

This is the only service planned in our city with a view to recognizing Armistice Day and all that it means. Every citizen ought to make it his business to be there.

The merchants of the city have agreed to close their stores between the hours of 12 and one so that they and their employees may be present.

Breeder Takes A Trade Name

"Wilsonvale" is the trademark name that has been reserved exclusively for the use of John F. Wilson of Elwell, as a prefix to the regular registration name for all Holstein animals raised on the Wilson farm and registered with the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, according to an announcement recently made by Secretary F. L. Houghton of Brattleboro, Vermont.

All registered animals carry besides a registry number a family name usually indicating the ancestral bloodlines. As a means of identifying the various breeding establishments of the country trademark names are reserved by the Association for the exclusive use of breeders. Thus, an animal can always be identified as to its original birth-place. Every Holstein man in the United States knows that a cow named Pabst Clover Blossom must come from the Pabst stock farm of Oconomowoc, Wis. In a like manner animals carrying the prefix "Wilsonvale" will in the future be recognized as coming from the Wilson herd of Elwell, Mich.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

The December meeting of the Civic Improvement League will be held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, December 12. At this meeting an address will be given by Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams, of Chicago, on the subject of law enforcement. Dr. Williams is of international note and has wide experience, being at this time president of the International Student League for Law Enforcement. This subject has been touched upon at various times in the League of Alma, which is most glad to announce to the public this splendid opportunity of hearing it authoritatively treated by Dr. Williams. It is said by those who have heard him that he is a powerful orator, gripping his audience by the force of his statements. Bear in mind the date—December 12, at the Methodist church.

THE BIBLE AND MISSIONS

This is the title of a lecture to be given at the Baptist church Sunday night, Nov. 13, at 7:00 o'clock. The lecture will be illustrated with beautiful colored slides representing various missionary fields, mission stations and the great variety of missionary work being done throughout the world. These beautiful dissolving views will represent the wonderful influence the Bible has upon the people and the institutions of pagan countries. A general invitation is extended to the public. Only the usual evening offering will be taken. You will miss something of great educational value if you do not attend.

This lecture is the beginning of a series of Sunday addresses on "The Church We Forget," which are being put on by the W. U. G. Society of the Baptist church.